

# STATE GAZETTE

## Dyer County Relay for Life holds drive-thru luminaria, raises \$30k

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Dyer County Relay for Life's 'Light the Night' drive-thru luminaria was held at the Dyer County Fairgrounds Thursday evening. The event raised roughly \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society.

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The Dyer County Relay for Life event was back in 2021 after the annual gathering was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. This year's event was held at the Dyer County Fairgrounds Thursday

evening and featured the 'Light the Night' drive-thru luminaria, which raised \$30,000 for the American Cancer Society.



Well over 200 luminarias were on display, remembering and honoring those locally who have been affected by cancer.

State Gazette photos/ Brandon Hutcheson

Local cancer survivors began to arrive at 7:15 p.m. to receive goody bags, and the luminaria ran from 8:30-9:30 p.m. According to organizers, well over 200 luminarias, either in honor or in memory of those affected by cancer, were on display.



This year's honorary survivor was Penny Garner.



The honorary survivor for the 2021 Dyer County Relay for Life event was Penny Garner.

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Additionally, the 2021 event boasted 12 Dyer County-based Relay for Life teams.



Cancer survivors were invited to the fairgrounds early to sign a banner and receive a goody bag.  
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“We really appreciate everyone who came out tonight to the ‘Light the Night’ luminaria,” said Dyer County Relay for Life chairwoman Rachel Townsend. “This is about remembering the ones we lost and the ones who are still with us. Roughly, we have raised \$30,000 with more donations coming in. We would like to thank our Relay teams and everyone who has helped with Dyer County Relay for Life.”

Dyer County Relay for Life would like to thank the sponsors for this year’s event: Ermco, Firestone Industrial Products, First Citizens National Bank, Ford Construction, Nortek Global, Dot Foods, Forcum Lannom Contractors, Manpower, RFW Construction, Save A Lot Dyersburg, and Security Bank.

Special thanks are extended to the Dyer County Fair Board, the Dyer County Sheriff’s Office, Williamson Outdoor Supply, Dyersburg Cumberland Presbyterian, Danna Fisher, State Gazette, and all volunteers and supporters. A special thank you is also extended to those who provided items for the survivor goody bags: Cash Express, C&C Pharmacy, James & Wilkes Pharmacy, First Citizens National Bank, and First South Financial.